

Washington Snapshots

(Cont'd from Front page)
 business, and the conversation would go like this:
 Government Agent: "How much are you worth?"
 Farmer: "Honest, I don't know what my house and land and farm animals and tools are worth."
 G. A.: "Well, I'll have to estimate it then."
 After a brief survey, the government agent comes back and says: "I find you're worth so much. Therefore, you'll have to buy \$500 in government bonds."
 Farmer: "But I haven't got \$500."
 G. A.: "That is all right; we'll lend you \$500 at 4 per cent interest and you can use that to buy the bonds."
 Farmer: "What interest will I get on the bonds I buy?"
 G. A.: "Oh, 1 or 2 per cent."
 That is what wealth conscription means.

The tax bill offers another sample of what a slogan will do. It was presented as a measure to "take the profits out of war." So most members felt they had to vote for it or be accused of favoring war profiteering.
 Nobody wants to profiteer out of the war. The National Association of Manufacturers even advocated that the excess profits taxes apply to all of 1940 income although eight months of the year have passed and the big national defense expenditures have not yet begun to flow.
 But court suits are still being brought over the World War excess profits tax because, like all such taxes, it can never be fair to everybody. The trouble, again, is the catch-line — "take the profits out of war." Because of that catch-line, legislators vote for the bill without understanding it and without knowing what it really would do to business.
 Take the comment made private by one man he has been a mem-

ber of the House of Representatives for 17 years, elected by his constituents nine times. During debate on the excess profits tax bill, he wandered into a room just off the House floor and said to a colleague:
 "I can't even ask an intelligent question about that bill, so I guess I'll just go off and sit until the time comes to vote for it."

A bill so poorly understood is likely to contain jokers, and since reformers still have a heavy hand in Washington doings is a good vein to follow.
 Now find what they call such a joker:

It is a provision which says that when the cost of national defense plants has been recovered those plants become the property of the government. Right now, major national defense industries are airplane factories, shipyards and munitions plants. But before long it will be necessary for national defense to have underwear and socks and shirts for soldiers and sailors; it will be necessary to supply them with food.

So nearly all farms and factories conceivably will soon become essential national defense facilities. What with government loans and foreclosures in other fields, plus this new joker, it isn't hard for some folks in Washington to imagine the day when the government will own everything.

In fact, that seems to be the definite objective of some reformers.

Three Guernseys Sold By Archdale Dairy Farm

The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H., reports the sale of three registered Guernseys by P. M. Neisler of the Archdale Dairy Farm. Archdale Prince Laddie No. 290087 has been sold to J. B. Bradley of Saluda, N. C. Archdale Ann No. 632458 to E. B. Flynn of Columbus, N. C., and Archdale Clover Blossom No. 627462 to R. H. Lattimore of Gaffney, S. C.

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Boys' State Representatives Make Chapel Talks

A very interesting assembly program was held at the high school Tuesday when Billy Throneburg and Floyd Queen spoke to the student body concerning their trip in August to the Boys' State Conference held in Chapel Hill by the local Post of the American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

Billy Throneburg stated in his address that there were 135 boys attending the Conference. He thought that they were the finest crowd of boys to be found in the State.

Floyd Queen spoke at some length concerning the plan which had been used at the University to teach how the government is operated. He stated that they had an election of candidates and carried out their mock government program just as a real government program is carried out. He stated that Billy Throneburg was appointed as a state representative and that he had been appointed as a State senator.

At the conclusion of the speeches by these two boys, Supt. D. N. Barnas asked if they thought a mock program could be put on in the Kings Mountain High School similar to the one carried out at the Conference. They thought that perhaps the students in the Civics classes and American History classes could put on such a program and that it would be valuable both to the students in these classes and to the student body at large.

Both boys expressed their appreciation for having been recommended to go to the Conference and they were both very high in their praise of the local American Legion and Kiwanis Club.

Drive Carefully During the Fair Season

With several dozen county and district fairs about to open in various parts of the State, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, called attention this week to the fact that several North Carolinians were killed and a number of others injured in traffic accidents while going to or returning from fairs in the state last fall.

"During fair week, life moves merrily along the midways and death stalks stealthily along the highways," Hocutt commented. "Accident records of previous years indicate that a good many accidents, some of them fatal, occur each fall in the heavy traffic on streets and highways leading to and from the various grounds where county and district fairs are held."

Some of these accidents, he said are a result of the careless walking habits of pedestrians blind to and from the fair on foot; some are a result of drinking on the part of drivers or pedestrians, or both; and others are a result of excessive speed.

For people planning to attend fairs in the state this fall, the safety director suggests the following safety rules:

Hold your speed down to fit the existing conditions of traffic, visibility, road surface and weather. Dim your headlights when meeting other cars at night. If you drive a horse-drawn vehicle, be sure that it is poorly lighted. When walking on the highway, walk on the left facing traffic, and if at night wear or carry something white. Whether you are walking or driving, stay off the highway if you've had anything to drink. Obey all traffic rules, observe signs and signals and pay strict attention to your driving.

"If every person attending fairs in North Carolina this fall will follow these simple, commonsense suggestions, this State should get through the 1940 Fair season without a single traffic death occurring among those going to and from the fairs," Director Hocutt said.

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Mountaineers Battle Gastonia High Green Wave

(Manly Moorhead)
 The 1940 football season opens officially Friday night at 7:30 when the Mountaineers meet the Gastonia Green Wave at the High School Stadium in Gastonia. Coach Farthing is anticipating a splendid season for the local eleven.

Organization of the K. M. team has been completed. James Gibson was elected captain and will serve as co-captain. Both Gibson and Dickey are seniors and are among the most valuable members on the Mountaineer team. Gibson weighs 160 pounds and plays full back, while Dickey tips the scales at 175. His position is right guard. When asked for a statement concerning the season outlook, Gibson said: "It is too early to make a definite prediction, but we are looking forward to a good season."

The Mountaineer line will average between 170 and 175. The backfield is 165. This is the heaviest line K. M. has had in many a day. The game Friday night is a non-conference game. The admission will be 25c and 40c. It is hoped that a large number of Kings Mountain fans will encourage the local team by their presence. The High School Banquet will be there to lend color and inspiration.

A group of interested fans got busy yesterday afternoon and raised over \$100 to equip all boys on the team with latest type shoes in preparation for the game with Gastonia Friday night.

Mountaineer Roster

Backs: Herbert Mitchem* 160 lbs.; John Howell 185 lbs.; George Wo-

mack* 160 lbs.; George Allen* 180 lbs.; Norman Roper 140 lbs.; Paul Hammi 130 lbs.; Louis Falls 135 lbs.; James Gibson* 160 lbs.
 Tackles: Max Beddix 200 lbs.; Buck Early 193 lbs.; Leonard Abernathy 170 lbs.; Huller Miller 180 lbs.
 Guards: Jimmie Dickey* 175 lbs.; Gene McGinnis 150 lbs.; Jimmie Williams 180 lbs.; Morris Bennett 200 lbs.; Kenneth George 140 lbs.
 Centers: Floyd Smith* 165 lbs.; Buddy Walker 130 lbs.; William

Brown* 150 lbs.
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 Note: *—Lettermen.



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